

December 14, 2018

Bennett Weinstein  
Manager, Streamflow Restoration Section  
Water Resources Program  
Washington State Department of Ecology

Dear Mr. Weinstein,

The undersigned agricultural representatives respectfully request that Ecology acknowledge the plain meaning of ESSB 6091 related to the WRIA committee membership and selection process. Our members want to see a farmer or at least a farmer selected individual to represent agriculture at the table. We are specifically concerned about WRIA 14 and WRIA 15.

We understand the complexities in constituting the committees, but the very integrity of the process is at risk if you name participants that are in direct conflict with the plain meaning of the statute as conveyed in particular in Sec. 203 (2)(b)(x) "A representative **designated by** a local organization representing agricultural interests within the water resource inventory area."

Please correct the committee membership. We are staunch supporters of the legislative fix and the integrity of the process. To succeed, we need to follow the letter of the law.

We understand that Farm Bureau has worked with you to rectify the situation, and we support them in this effort. We support the placement of Larry Boltz on the WRIA 14 committee, and either of the two candidates Farm Bureau has surfaced in WRIA 15.

Sincerely,

*Mason Kitsap Farm Bureau  
Cattle Producers of Washington  
Northwest Agricultural Cooperative Council  
Washington Association of Wheat Growers  
Washington Cattlemen's Association  
Washington Potato and Onion Association  
Washington State Dairy Federation  
Washington State Farm Bureau  
Washington State Nursery and Landscape Association  
Washington State Tree Fruit Association  
Western Washington Agricultural Association*

Cc Maia Bellon, Director, Department of Ecology  
Mason County Commission